

Walkersville Parks Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2021

In Attendance: Jay Lochner - chairman, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis – Commissioners rep, Artie Fauble, Anna Newman, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley, Kelly Woods – town employee and Kitty Baker

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. A group picture was taken prior for the town website. Minutes from the January 6, 2021, meeting were motioned to be approved by Artie and seconded by Anna. Approved by all.

KELLY WOODS REPORT –

- The willow tree at Community Park has been taken down and all cleaned up.
- The new building at Heritage Park has the siding up.
- New flags are needed at the disc golf course. The new basket is in (to replace the damaged one) but still needs installed.

MARY ANN'S REPORT –

- Sean and Joe (Public works director) did a walk through the new building with the contractor. They were pleasantly surprised. The parking lot still needs proper grating so water accumulation does not occur.
- Parks Committee will meet at the new building on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to have a walk through.
- The upper bridge (closest to Devilbiss Bridge Road) at Heritage is unsafe. It is estimated it would cost @ \$7500 to remove, replace and restructure the path. The Parks Committee will meet on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (after the building walk-through) with the Commissioners at the bridge to discuss options.
- POS money application has been sent out. This is due 5/1/21. Ideas for incoming money are to replace the bridge, complete the path, a dog park, a pickleball court, update playground equipment at Creamery Park, construct a pump track at Heritage, bike path to Frederick and replace golf course equipment that has been damaged. After discussion, the Parks Committee decided the top two requests would be to replace the bridge at Heritage Park and update playground equipment at Creamery Park.
- Matt Coleman Scholarship Fund has @ \$8500 in it and the family wishes to have the town use this to purchase something for one of its' parks. After discussion, it was decided playground equipment at Creamery Park would be a long-lasting use of this money. Perhaps a plaque on said equipment would be appropriate. The committee is asked to think of what would be a good purchase.
- Dog park discussion ensued. Sean sees no issue with liability since the town already has insurance coverage at the parks. Mary Ann has talked with several towns to get information. This is still being researched.

GVA REPORT – MICHELLE FYOCK

Heritage Park issues -

- The sidewalks from the concession stand to the bathrooms have buckled due to tree roots.
- The gravel road to the fields needs more stone added.
- The football field is damaged at the crown and could use additional dirt.

All sports are open this spring. Elections will be held in March. Michelle is running again. There are many vacancies on the Board – VP, secretary, treasurer and two Board of Directors members.

MID-MARYLAND BASEBALL CAMP – A Parks Use Form was presented by Allen Haines. Heritage Park is requested to be used from Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Thurs, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Ages of the players are 5-12 and @ 100 players are expected. Insurance information was provided. Artie motioned to approve, seconded by Patricia. All in favor.

SUSAN G KOMEN CANCER CHARITY BIKE RIDE – A Parks Use Form was presented by Mark Clem. This event is organized by Corrigan Sports Enterprises. The ride would take place on Sunday, June 13 and involve @ 500 riders. This starts and finishes at the Frederick Fairgrounds. Mark is requesting Heritage Park be used as a water/snack/bathroom stop. It was suggested that the gravel road to the left of the manor house would be a suitable place. They will provide the tables, Porta Pots, staffing, trash cans (will haul out trash) and whatever else is necessary. There are four lengths of rides – 100 mile (goes through Gettysburg battlefield area), 65 mile, 34 mile and 14 mile. Insurance information was provided. Patricia motioned to approve, David seconded and all approved.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 282 BASEBALL GAMES AND PRACTICE. Brian presented this for David Kelley. Field 5 at Heritage is requested to be used from 3/1/21 – 10/31/21. Expected attendance is 30-60 (players and spectators). Insurance will be applied for at the end of February. Pending insurance, David made a motion to approve, Anna seconded. All approved.

TOM GILBERT, COMMISSIONER – Tom was in attendance and praised the Parks committee for their hard work. A neighbor of his had passed and his wife wants to plant a tree in his memory at Community Park and erect a plaque. Tom will have this lady contact Mary Ann to discuss. It was mentioned that more trees could be planted around the new playground equipment at Community Park. David brought up the idea to open this up to the community to solicit from residents, if they are interested.

Artie brought up that his term on the Committee expires in April.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Patricia motioned, Kitty seconded and approved by all. The next meeting will be March 3 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Baker